(c) the quantity of paddy in lac metric tonnes procured by Government at minimum support price for the central pool?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) Government of Chhattisgarh has informed that summer paddy has been sown in 1.70 lakh hectare and production of paddy is estimated at 5.5 lakh tonnes. During current Kharif Marketing Season 2008-09, 30.59 lakh tonnes of paddy has been procured in Chhattisgarh, as on 30.6.2009 at MSP plus incentive bonus announced by the Government of India and State Government.

(b) No report of distress sale *i.e.* sale of paddy by farmers of Chhattisgarh below the Minimum Support Price and bonus has been received from Government of Chhattisgarh or from the FCI.

(c) 307.82 lakh tonnes of paddy has been procured as on 30.06.2009 in the current Kharif Marketing Season 2008-09 under the support price scheme.

**Food security agenda**

176. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government in pursuance of the food security agenda spelt out in the President Address to Parliament;

(b) the number of below poverty line families identified in different States in the country; and

(c) the foodgrain allocated and supplied to each State and Union Territory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (c) As per the President's Address to Parliament on 4th June, 2009, the Government proposes to enact National Food Security Act to provide for assured food security for all citizens and to make entitled, by law, every family below the poverty line in rural and urban areas to 25 kgs. of rice or wheat per month @ Rs. 3 per kg.

In order to frame the proposed law, Government has initiated necessary action. Examination of different aspects of the proposed law in consultation with State Governments, various Central Ministries, experts and other stake holders is in progress.

Presently, under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) allocation of foodgrains is made for 6.52 crore Below Poverty Line (BPL) (including the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families on the basis of 1993-94 poverty estimates of the Planning Commission projected on the population estimates of Registrar General of India as on 1.3.2000. However, different State Governments have issued ration cards to more number of BPL families. The total number of BPL (including AAY) ration cards issued by the States at present is 10.86 crore.

As per the poverty estimates of the Planning Commission for 2004-05, the percentage of population living below the poverty line has come down to 27.5%. Based on these poverty estimates and the population estimates of Registrar General of India for March, 2009 the number of BPL families in the country works out to about 5.91 crore only. Allocations of food grains based on the new norms are likely to come down. However, the Government is continuing to allocate food grains for the 6.52 crore BPL families, including AAY families as per the earlier estimates.

State-wise details of the allocation and off take of food grains for the BPL (including AAY) category for 2008-09 are given in the Statement (*See* below).

***Statement***

*State-wise Allocation and Offtake of Rice and Wheat for the year 2008-2009 (P) under TPDS*

(in '000 Tonnes)

| Sl. No. | States/UTs | Allotment | | | Offtake | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | BPL | AAY | BPL+ AAY | BPL | AAY | BPL+ AAY |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 1052.088 | 654.288 | 1706.376 | 1035.657 | 644.569 | 1680.226 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 25.524 | 15.972 | 41.496 | 25.309 | 15.86 | 41.169 |
| 3. | Assam | 475.224 | 295.692 | 770.916 | 473.79 | 295.009 | 768.799 |
| 4. | Bihar | 1719.804 | 1019.988 | 2739.792 | 738.798 | 772.495 | 1511.293 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 485.688 | 301.944 | 787.632 | 472.694 | 301.944 | 774.638 |
| 6. | Delhi | 108.696 | 63.084 | 171.78 | 88.359 | 53.161 | 141.52 |
| 7. | Goa | 5.46 | 6.108 | 11.568 | 5.46 | 5.356 | 10.816 |
| 8. | Gujarat | 486.469 | 340.08 | 826.549 | 445.348 | 340.753 | 786.101 |
| 9. | Haryana | 208.572 | 122.82 | 331.392 | 197.589 | 112.235 | 309.824 |
| 10. | Himachal Pradesh | 133.14 | 82.74 | 215.88 | 125.083 | 83.703 | 208.786 |
| 11. | Jammu and Kashmir | 201.696 | 107.388 | 309.084 | 204.558 | 111.223 | 315.781 |
| 12. | Jharkhand | 619.956 | 385.536 | 1005.492 | 505.608 | 367.101 | 872.709 |
| 13. | Karnataka | 798.864 | 503.892 | 1302.756 | 799.817 | 503.729 | 1303.546 |
| 14. | Kerala | 402.348 | 250.26 | 652.608 | 402.458 | 250.585 | 653.043 |
| 15. | Madhya Pradesh | 1068.216 | 664.26 | 1732.476 | 1147.915 | 655.125 | 1803.04 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16. | Maharashtra | 1709.424 | 1034.88 | 2744.304 | 1545.76 | 902.623 | 2448.383 |
| 17. | Manipur | 43.008 | 26.724 | 69.732 | 37.272 | 22.905 | 60.177 |
| 18. | Meghalaya | 47.376 | 29.484 | 76.86 | 48.021 | 29.739 | 77.76 |
| 19. | Mizoram | 17.64 | 10.92 | 28.56 | 15.44 | 10.07 | 25.51 |
| 20. | Nagaland | 32.112 | 19.968 | 52.08 | 34.375 | 21.246 | 55.621 |
| 21. | Orissa | 1165.572 | 531.12 | 1696.692 | 1159.265 | 531.95 | 1691.215 |
| 22. | Punjab | 121.176 | 75.36 | 196.536 | 104.231 | 46.533 | 150.764 |
| 23. | Rajasthan | 629.532 | 391.488 | 1021.02 | 614.179 | 377.563 | 991.742 |
| 24. | Sikkim | 11.304 | 6.936 | 18.24 | 12.123 | 6.936 | 19.059 |
| 25. | Tamil Nadu | 1259.232 | 783.144 | 2042.376 | 1349.833 | 827.174 | 2177.007 |
| 26. | Tripura | 76.38 | 47.52 | 123.9 | 77.797 | 48.879 | 126.676 |
| 27. | Uttar Pradesh | 2765.7 | 1719.48 | 4485.18 | 2456.513 | 1608.775 | 4065.288 |
| 28. | Uttaranchal | 145.656 | 63.516 | 209.172 | 125.746 | 55.065 | 180.811 |
| 29. | West Bengal | 1553.58 | 621.684 | 2175.264 | 1381.671 | 512.809 | 1894.48 |
| 30. | Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 5.04 | 1.8 | 6.84 | 4.01 | 1.449 | 5.459 |
| 31. | Chandigarh | 3.006 | 0.822 | 3.828 | 2.984 | 0.526 | 3.51 |
| 32. | Dadra and Nagar Haveli | 4.524 | 2.196 | 6.72 | 4.524 | 2.196 | 6.72 |
| 33. | Daman and Diu | 1.044 | 0.636 | 1.68 | 0.235 | 0.1 | 0.335 |
| 34. | Lakshadweep | 0.756 | 0.492 | 1.248 | 0.756 | 0.492 | 1.248 |
| 35. | Pondicherry | 21.564 | 13.548 | 35.112 | 12.605 | 4.759 | 17.364 |
| | TOTAL: | 17405.371 | 10195.770 | 27601.141 | 15655.783 | 9524.637 | 25180.420 |

**Price rise of sugar**

177. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the retail price of a kilogram of sugar which was Rs. 22 a month ago is now approximately Rs. 35 per kilogram;